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Billie Dunn jailed

*Charged with
 3 misdemeanors*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Billie Dunn, mother of missing Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn, was booked into the Mitchell County Jail Thursday on misdemeanor charges for obstruction of justice and possession of drugs, Dunn was taken into custody by authorities at her Colorado City home Thursday evening on charges of hindering apprehension and prosecution, possession of dangerous drugs and making a false report to police officers. All three charges are misdemeanors.

According to officials involved in the investigation, members of the Texas Rangers were attempt-



Billie Dunn, mother of missing 13-year-old Hailey Dunn, talks with the media about her daughter's disappearance.

ing to serve a search warrant on the only person of interest in the case — Billie Dunn's former live-in boyfriend, Shawn Adkins — when Dunn allegedly lied about his whereabouts.

The search warrant for Adkins was to retrieve DNA samples and

fingerprints, according to unconfirmed reports. Also unconfirmed, the drug charge is believed to be for prescription medications obtained without a valid prescription.

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Sixteen indicted

*Narcotics charges,
 assaults top cases*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury returned 16 indictments Thursday, including a number of true-bills for narcotics charges.

- Among those indicted were:
- Darrell David Brown, 38, of Midland, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
 - Allysia Dawn Heckart, 29, of Odessa, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
 - David Wayne Crow, 23, of 617 S. McEwen, possession of marijuana (state jail felony).
 - Pierre Jean Gordon, 20, of 806 Ohio, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).
 - Terel Devon Houston, 19, 2609 W. Hunter, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
 - Henry Miller, 18, of 1809 Young,

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Japan official: Disasters overwhelmed government

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 Associated Press

TOKYO — The Japanese government acknowledged Friday that it was overwhelmed by the scale of last week's twin natural disasters, slowing the response to the nuclear crisis that was triggered by the earthquake and tsunami that left at least 10,000 people dead.

The admission came as Japan welcomed U.S. help in stabilizing its overheated, radiation-leaking nuclear complex, and reclassified the rating of the nuclear accident from Level 4 to Level 5 on a seven-level international scale, putting it on a par with the 1979 Three Mile Island accident.

Nuclear experts have been saying for days that Japan was underplaying the severity

of the nuclear crisis, which later Friday the prime minister called "very grave."

The International Nuclear Event Scale defines a Level 4 incident as having local consequences and a Level 5 as having wider consequences.

Hidehiko Nishiyama of Japan's nuclear safety agency said the rating was raised when officials realized that at least 3 percent of the fuel in three of the reactors at the

Fukushima Dai-ichi plant had been severely damaged, suggesting those reactor cores have partially melted down and thrown radioactivity into the environment.

"The unprecedented scale of the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan, frankly speaking, were among many things that happened that had not been anticipated under our disaster management contingency plans,"

said Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano, admitting that information had not been shared quickly enough.

"In hindsight, we could have moved a little quicker in assessing the situation and coordinating all that information and provided it faster," he said.

Later, Prime Minister Naoto Kan urged the nation to

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Chamber reports Big Spring prepared for multiple events

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Job fairs, chamber gatherings and golf tournaments are on tap for the next couple months.

Upcoming events and other business highlighted the agenda of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce monthly board meeting this week.

GEO will present a job fair at the workforce center March 22 and 23. April 19, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will hold its community wide job fair as

well. Members of the community are encouraged to attend between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, contact Workforce Solutions at 263-8373.

State of the Community luncheon/breakfast series, set for March 29, is the next big community outreach program the Chamber of Commerce is working on. The program is divided into four parts, each covering a different area of the community.



Johansen

"We are very excited about this program," Terri Johansen, president of Chamber of Commerce board, said. "There is so much information that can be obtained from coming to this lunch. We are very grateful to our presenters."

Tickets for the first luncheon can be purchased for \$15 by March 23. The luncheon will take place at noon at the Dora Roberts Community Center, with presentations from the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Colorado Municipal Water District, Howard College and the Big Spring Eco-

economic Development Corporation.

"It's vital to the community that the strong point is communication and that the chamber is involved in that," Jan Foresyth, director of institutional advancement of Howard College, said. "This series is a great way for the chamber to do that."

A few golf tournaments are also on the calendar, including the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Golf Tournament, United Way 3-man Scramble, RFL Golf Tournament and

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Obituaries

James Ed Wilkerson



Mr. James Ed Wilkerson, 87, of Big Spring, Texas and Norman, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2011, in Norman, Ark. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2011, at the funeral home.

Mr. Wilkerson was born Aug. 5, 1923, in Paris, Texas, to Clem and Cora Wilkerson before the family settled in Big Spring. The family moved to Big Spring in 1929, where he attended public schools.

Ed enlisted in the United States Army on Jan. 25, 1943, along with his twin brother, Fred. He served in the United States Army under General Patton. Ed was present when General Patton's army liberated Pizon in May of 1945. Ed was very proud of his service to the United States during World War II. He was discharged on Feb. 1, 1946.

Returning home, he married Miss Doris Elizabeth Stroud on June 15, 1946. Ed and his wife, Doris, were members of the First Assembly of God in Big Spring for more than 60 years. He loved to sing and lead the singing for Wednesday night services. He was also a passionate golfer, carrying a 6 handicap for most of his golfing years.

He is survived by his son, James "Bo" Wilkerson Jr. and wife Linda of Norman, Ark.; a grandson, Allen Cureton and wife Sara of Black Springs, Ark.; a granddaughter, Tara and husband Sheriff David White of Story, Ark.; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Veda White of Dickinson and Juanita Bryant of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Doris, his beloved wife of 60 years; his parents; three sisters, Agnes, Dorothy and Opal; and three brothers, Tutor, Herman and twin brother, Fred.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- BOBBY JOE LOPEZ, 25, of 1701 S. Runnels, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and assault – recklessly impeding breathing or circulation.
- STEPHEN CRUZ, 32, of 1707 Donley, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to control speed and failure to appear.
- LAPAUL ERIC SCAGGS, 34, 510 S. Benton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1300 block of Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT was reported near the intersection of 17th Street and Runnels.
- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of E. 11th Place.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.
- BOBBY JOE LOPEZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of assault of a family/household member – impeding breathing or circulation and possession of a controlled substance.
 - JERRY DON DUFFER, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on Howard County warrants for assault of a family/household member with a previous conviction and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
 - LAPAUL ERIC SCAGGS, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
 - OLAN DALE GATLIN, 51, was arrested Friday by DPS on a Hockley County warrant for theft of service.
 - ALFREDO CAMPOS JR., 53, was arrested Friday by DPS on Gray County warrants for a motion to

revoke probation for theft by check, bond surrender for failure to identify and issuance of a bad check.

• DANIEL PAUL JOHNSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 4200 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Furh. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.



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Take Note

• West Texas Opportunities is holding its community meeting Friday at 3 p.m. at the Howard County Library. The public is invited. This month's special speaker will be Sandra Price, lead driver of the Howard County TRAX Program. Sandra will be sharing information about the public transportation system for Howard County. For more information, call Connie Baca, center director, at 432-267-9536.

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Bond is expected to be set for Dunn sometime this morning. Law enforcement officials involved in the case declined to comment on the arrest. Officials with the Mitchell County Jail said they could not elaborate on the charges or arrest, but did confirm Dunn doesn't yet have an attorney.

Rangers also served a search warrant at Adkin's grandmother's house in the Dunn community, located approximately 14 miles north of Colorado City. According to witnesses, Rangers were seen taking boxes, blankets and other items from the property.

Hailey Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother reported her missing to the Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28.

Adkins told law enforcement officials he last saw Hailey Dunn on Dec. 27, when she told him she was going to her father's home nearby and then on to spend the night at a friend's home. Accord-

ing to investigators, the teen did neither. Billie Dunn said she last saw her daughter at home the night of Dec. 26, nearly two days before she was reported missing.

Both Adkins and Billie Dunn have denied having any involvement in the girl's disappearance. Adkins has no listed telephone number, but he previously told The Associated Press that he would "never ever do anything to harm Hailey."

Searches of fields and abandoned structures — led mostly by volunteer groups and most recently including U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Hood in Killeen — have been conducted in Colorado City, as well as numerous nearby communities, including Abilene, Odessa and Big Spring.

Scrutiny of both Adkins and Billie Dunn has continued throughout the investigation, as search warrants issued in the case revealed law enforcement officials discovered a number of disturbing videos and Internet print-outs dealing with mass murders and serial killers.

Investigators also recovered a computer from Adkins' mother's home in Big Spring and

a memory stick from Dunn's Colorado City home containing pornographic images and videos — including some believed to be child pornography — several weeks ago.

Law enforcement officials say the investigations will eventually be presented to the district attorneys in both Howard and Mitchell counties, who will decide whether it should be presented before a grand jury.

Despite the length of time Dunn has been missing — nearly three months now — Colorado City city manager Pete Kampfer, who has been acting as media liaison since the case began, said investigators are still working hard to bring her home.

"We follow every viable, sensible, credible lead we get," Kampfer said. "We have billboards all over, even in neighboring states, so we get calls from people all over the place."

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$15,000 is being offered for information in the case.

INDICTED

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possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony) and possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- Paige Jalena Smith, 18, of 1609 Oriole, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Isaac Stephen Rodriguez, 26, of 1413 Tucson, delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony).

- Jessica Faye Brooks, 23, of 1700 Settles, delivery of marijuana (two counts, both state jail felonies).

- Barney Kip Edens III, 31, of 2300 E. FM 700, assault impeding breathing — family violence (third-degree felony).

- Michael Anthony Gomez, 19, of 312 E. Davis, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony), possession of a controlled substance

(third-degree felony), theft of a firearm (third-degree felony) and theft of a firearm (state jail felony).

- Charles Randall Greer, 47, of Lubbock, driving while intoxicated (first-degree felony, enhanced).

- Caleb Hallford, 17, of 10 Kenley Rd., indecency with a child (two counts, both second-degree felonies).

- Joseph Alton Murley, 32, of 1405 Tucson, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

- Gary Lee Scott, 60, of 1212 E. 17th St., evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Andrew William Smith, 25, of 4207 Dixon, resisting arrest with a deadly weapon (third-degree felony).

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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the chamber golf tournament. There are currently two corporate sponsors, Atmos and Culligan, for the chamber golf tournament. At least 18 hole sponsors are still needed.

"This is one of our biggest fundraisers," Foresyth said. "Last year was a success and this year should be a success, too. It will take everyone's help to get there though."

On top of the golf tournaments, West Texas Centers Hoops, Dreams, and Goals basketball tournament is set for March 25. For more information regarding the tournament, contact Amy Vidal at 263-0007, ext. 256.

"They want to make this the biggest attendance yet," said Debbie Wegman, visitor's bureau director. "We encourage everyone to come out and show their support."

Once the basketball game is over, the Big

Spring Powwow will make its way to the coliseum April 2 and 3. The activities keep coming with the Health Fair 2011 right behind the Powwow. April 9 is set to be a day of health, with the Master the Mountain 5k Run and Healthy Woman "A Call to Action" corresponding with the health fair. The health fair will take place from 8 a.m. until noon; Master the Mountain will begin at 9 a.m. For more information on the Healthy Woman event, contact Kim Howell at 268-4842.

"This is a great way to get some information on how to stay healthy," Foresyth said of the Health Fair, which will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "Admission is free and there will also be free screenings and demonstrations. We have 60 booths and 17 corporate sponsors already."

The list of upcoming events may have been the bulk of the meeting, but they weren't the only items. Two new members were wel-

comed into the chamber, Casa Burrito and Mike Knowles. Speaking of new members, Terry Wegman, executive director of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, introduced Manny McLain with Entrepreneur Alliance, to the board. McLain has been working with the BSEDC since February.

"Matty stays with the client as long as they need him," Wegman said. "He is there with them through the entire process. It's just one of the things that impressed me."

The Entrepreneur Alliance is a free service, funded by the EDC, that offers one-on-one consulting for those who are wanting to start their own business or even those who already have a business established and would like to have a little more direction.

"We help everyone

that we can. Whether they have an idea written on the back of a napkin or already have a million dollar business," McLain said. "We help them however we can. Our goal is to produce entrepreneurs and grow the community from within."

For those wanting to learn a little bit more about energy efficiency, Oncor will be hosting the Smart Texas Mobile Experience Center (MEC) in the H-E-B parking lot March 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mobile unit is aimed at educating the public about the new "smart" meters that will be installed in the area and to give the public a better understanding of energy efficiency appliances and practices.

Business Before Hours, which has been renamed Members, Muffins and More, is

scheduled for March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Marcy House.

JAPAN

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unite.

"We will rebuild Japan from scratch. We must all share this resolve," he said in a nationally televised address, calling the crises a "great test for the Japanese people."

At the stricken complex, military fire trucks sprayed the reactor units for a second day, with tons of water arcing over the facility in desperate attempts to prevent the fuel from overheating and spewing dangerous levels of radiation.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

The Rev. Ken McIntosh for spending three days picking up trash around town, not only making the city look better, but also to raise money for drug awareness in Big Spring Independent School District system.

The Big Spring Fire Department, volunteer fire departments and the Big Spring Police Department and Sheriff Department for doing their part in keeping the community safe from danger during the recent fires, especially the recent Second Street fire. The community greatly appreciates the long hours they have dedicated to ensuring all members of Howard County and Big Spring are safe.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for raising funds and donating books, in order to promote literacy, to the students at Kentwood Elementary.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Enthusiasm is awesome, Lord, when our enthusiasm includes You.

Amen

Bus-safety legislation needed in wake of recent crash fatalities

Beginning on Jan. 1, 1968, a revolutionary new safety device designed to protect passengers in high-speed collisions was required in every automobile sold in America. The device was a seatbelt. But the groundbreaking law requiring seatbelts for U.S. passenger vehicles had one exception: buses. Today, millions of Americans travel on buses every year because it often represents the most affordable option to visit friends and families across the country. Unless the bus owner voluntarily provides seat belts and stronger windows and roofs, which most do not, bus passengers have no choice but to travel without these basic safety protections most people take for granted.

Tragically, when bus accidents happen, there are often preventable injuries or deaths. Seatbelts and other crucial bus-safety measures are especially important because more than half of all motorcoach fatalities over the past 10 years occurred as a result of rollovers, and 70 percent of the individuals killed were ejected from the bus. The recent deadly crash in New York that killed 15 passengers and injured many more was a horrific reminder that we must take action now. This is why I have joined with Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) to introduce legislation to overhaul and dramatically

increase the safety of buses to reduce deaths and serious injuries caused by these accidents. Congress must not wait for another deadly motorcoach accident before we pass comprehensive bus-safety legislation.

Sen. Brown and I have become strong advocates for this critical issue because both of our states have experienced several tragic and preventable bus crashes. In March of 2006, two students from Beaumont West Brook High School in Texas were killed and 21 people injured after the charter bus they were traveling on overturned. The bus did not have seatbelts, and the oversized windows that covered much of the bus were not impact resistant. Our legislation would directly address this problem by requiring seatbelts, stronger windows and crush-resistant roofs so that buses can better withstand rollovers and passengers are not thrown from their seats.

According to the American Bus Association, there were more than 720 million passenger trips by motorcoach in 2009, covering more than 1.73 billion miles. A recent study says bus travel has outpaced both air and rail transportation as the fastest growing mode of transport. Yet the Department of Transportation still has not acted on many basic passenger safety protections even after the National Transportation Safety Board suggested a lengthy list of bus-safety improvements, including safety belts, crush-resistant roofs and stronger windows.

Another critical issue that

directly affects bus safety and must be addressed is that of 'reincarnated' carriers. Reincarnated carriers are bus companies, mostly providing charter buses for school and group trips, that are taken out of service because of extensive safety violations and then quickly begin operating under a new name. This allows these carriers to continue operating without having to address and correct any of their — often multiple — safety violations.

This issue was one of the factors that led to a devastating bus accident in Sherman, Texas, that claimed 17 lives in 2008. Our bus-safety legislation would require motorcoach vehicle safety inspections of all new bus operators to ensure they are able to operate safely before they carry a single passenger, and it would help stop the growing problem of 'reincarnated' carriers.

Passing comprehensive safety legislation is a commonsense solution to a problem that will continue to grow as more Americans choose to travel by bus. Sen. Brown and I have been pushing this legislation since 2007, and it is time for Congress to get on board and move forward before more lives are wasted in tragedies that are entirely preventable.

How many more families must lose loved ones before we have the courage to make buses safer? My hope is none.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.



Last weekend I thought 'what if...'

"Did you have a nice weekend?" a friend asked on

Monday, before recounting all the fun things he and his kids did over the weekend.

I'm sure I looked at him as if he had just arrived from Mars.

"What did you do for fun?" he insisted.

I watched television last weekend, something I rarely do. I woke up in the middle of the night to check not my BlackBerry for messages, but my favorite news sites for the latest horror. I stared at the endless pictures and studied all the interactive models of how nuclear energy is produced, how the cooling process works, and why they were pouring in seawater and letting out steam. I shook my head that one of the world's leaders in technology — operating plants with state of the art technology — could be reduced to pouring in seawater and letting out steam, and could be stymied by a stuck valve.

The pictures of human suffering coming from Japan are nothing less than terrifying. I know, we saw the pictures from Katrina and the pictures from Haiti. The world is full of horrible disasters and unspeakable tragedies. You think you're used

to it. But — and I hope this is a good thing and will always be so — the suffering of thousands of people, the fear of millions, is not something that will ever be routine for me.

Some of it, to be sure, is selfish. It is fear about our own country, our children and our safety that makes it hard to sleep. If Japan, with all their smarts and savvy and know-how, can't handle an earthquake, how could we? What if my son — student of, of all things, Japanese — had been visiting, as a group from his school had been planning to do this summer? What if the winds bring all that radiation to our country, to the West Coast, where I live?

And what about the two plants right here in California, a state known for its extensive network of faults? Why should I believe the newspapers when they say it couldn't happen here? Didn't they say the same thing in Japan? Didn't they say their plants were designed to withstand earthquakes and tsunamis, that they had redundant safety systems, that the reactors would automatically shut down in the event of an earthquake? The reactors did shut down, but the electrical systems that were supposed to cool them did, too.

The easy answer, and the one I expect many politicians to jump on, is that nuclear power is just too dangerous. But so is our dependence on the Gadhafis of the world to provide us with

oil. So are the mines in which men risk their lives and health every day to bring up coal. Does anyone really think that solar is the answer to everything, that windmills will save us from dirty and dangerous sources of energy? I don't.

To be an adult is to know that the world is not a safe place, that bad things happen, that no one can ever say for sure that everything will be fine. When my children were little, they used to make me promise each time I left for a trip that I would come home safely. And I would solemnly promise, knowing it was largely beyond my control, but refusing to deny my children the comfortable security of childhood.

Oh, to believe such promises could be kept. By anyone.

Children who watched television last weekend, and certainly the children of Japan, have come to understand that the security of childhood is a fairy tale that even one of the most advanced nations in the world cannot make real.

What did I do last weekend? The truth is, I cried.

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Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The first of a series of Lenten lunches was at First United Methodist, Big Spring, March 16, with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris of St. Mary's Episcopal preaching.

The next lunch will be March 23 at First Presbyterian, Big Spring, with the Rev. Sharon Wiese of First United Methodist, Big Spring, preaching. March 30, the Lenten lunch will be at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church with Tom Koger, of First Presbyterian, Coahoma, preaching.

The weekly lectionary bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the Big Spring First Presbyterian Church library. The lectionary for the second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 12:1-4; Psalms 121; Romans 6:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries

Life can be wonderful even though the world is full of troubles. Our Heavenly Father watches over us and gives us peace in the midst of the storm.

We are so blessed to have Bro. David and Edie Wright here from Oregon with us. He will be ministering Sunday services beginning at 10 a.m. We invite you all to come worship with us.

We're having a big giveaway Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1209 Wright St. It's right beside the new jail.

We're also having a faith-based rehab each Thursday at 11 a.m. and at noon.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at its regular time. The choir practiced at 6 p.m.

Part of the Lenten celebration will be a series of Lenten lunches shared with several other churches. The lunchtime services will begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. The schedule for the first three weeks is March 16 at First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris preaching; March 23 at Big Spring First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Sharon Wiese preaching and March 30 at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, with Tom Koger preaching.

Ellen Austin will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist is James F. Little. The lectionary for the second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 12:1-4; Psalms 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer "Dona Nobis Pacem," arranged by David Lantz and during the offertory they will sing "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Robert Powell.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen to KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211.

You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website at www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will bring the message at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. Her sermon topic will be "To save a life: What's the cost?" Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m. There's a class for everyone and everybody is welcome.

Sunday evenings all in attendance meet in Garrett Hall at 5:30 for a snack supper followed by separate youth activities, Bible studies and games. You are welcome to join any or all of these scheduled events.

Monday is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. No kidding, the planning begins now. Show your support for the children's ministries of our church by attending the planning meeting in Garrett Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday's noon Bible class will meet at the First Presbyterian Church for lunch and Lenten worship. This is the second in a series of Lenten services that will meet in various churches each week prior to Holy Week.

First Methodist Church has long been a supporter of our Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life. March 27 we will hold one of our primary fundraisers for the cause. Following the 10:50 a.m. service of worship, the Pathmaker's Class along with class members, Sue and Chuck Bagwell, will be selling sack lunches in Garrett Hall. Those great Al's Barbeque sandwiches and chips will be sold for \$6, with all proceeds going to our church's effort for Relay For Life. Grab a sack to take home or join friends eat-

ing at the church.

Mark your calendar and start spreading the word; First Methodist will be presenting a youth motivational event with Croix Sather on Sunday, April 3. All area youth is urged to attend and hear this young man who is running across America doing 100 marathons and 100 seminars in 100 days. The event will be at 6:30 p.m.

Check our website for complete activity and worship scheduling at www.fumcbs.com. Catch our radio broadcasts Sunday mornings, KBYG, 1400 at 8:30 a.m. and KBST-FM, 95.7 at 10:50 a.m.

Come join us.

We would love for you to be a part of this caring congregation. First Methodist at located at Fourth and Scurry.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 14. Please mark your calendar. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information see our website at www.signal-emmaus.org

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

The advantage of staying cool

When my husband was in seminary, he took a temporary, summer job refurbishing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers to be used again in catastrophic situations. In spite of the one-hundred-plus degrees outside, the trailers were brought into a large metal building where they were cleaned and repaired. Since the building had no air-conditioning, the metal roof had a brooder-house affect on the climate inside. The workers stayed overheated and were often in foul moods.



BONNIE WHEAT

One young man, a supervisor, out ranked all the others in the area of thermostat control. He often boasted that he was even tempered - hot all the time. Although his paycheck was usually larger than that of his colleagues, a good portion of it went toward repairing damage caused by failure to control his temper. Court appearances had become a part of his routine.

Although many years have passed, my husband still has hot memories, not warm ones, of his FEMA-trailer experience. He

often wonders what became of the men he worked with, especially the young supervisor who was destroying his life with anger while believing that he was controlling others.

A much older and wiser man, Thomas Jefferson, seems to have had a different perspective on anger.

He admonished, "Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances."

While the use or abuse of anger seems to win arguments temporarily, the long-term results of anger are distrust and damaged relationships. Anger destroys more than it gains.

It inhibits reason and spurs irrational behavior. Anger defines its abuser.

In the scripture, we are shown that even Jesus acted in anger when he overturned the tables of the money-changers in the temple (Matthew 21:12-13). However, He used anger, a God-given emotion, in a positive way. He had control of his anger, it never controlled Him.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday. His sermon will be titled, "Justified by Faith," based on Today's Lessons. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Our elders for this week are Phillip Reid and Richard von Hassell. The readings are Genesis 12:1-9, Psalms 121, Romans 4:1-8, 13-17, and John 3:1-17.

Sundays, the youth are studying from the "Growing in Christ" series. These studies are focusing on the Gospel lessons. The Adult Class is studying from the Miracles of Lent series. Feel free to join our Sunday school classes to learn more about our Lord and Savior during this crucial time of His life.

Mid Week School is studying Jesus' last days of his ministry. Wednesday we will study "The Garden of Gethsemane" from Luke 22:39-53. We would love to have your children join us.

The meals are being served from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Lenten services are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. You are invited to join us.

The focus for the Lenten service this Wednesday is the "The Miraculous Earthquake" from "And the earth shook, and the rocks were split." (Matthew 27:51). Lenten services will continue until Wednesday, April 13, the week before Holy Week.

The Board of Assimilation will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Scheduled meetings for April include Monday, April 11, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet April 12, at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will meet April 14 at 7 p.m. at the church. The elders meet April 21 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet April 26 at 7 p.m. at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

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In the book of Proverbs we are given some valuable instruction about anger: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1 NASB). We are also told, "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute (Proverbs 15:18 NASB). I don't know whether Thomas Jefferson got his insight about

remaining cool and unruffled in all circumstances from the scripture or through experience, but his advice is certainly consistent with scripture. We could all benefit from the advantage of staying cool.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel church family welcomes you to join us in celebration of our 87th church anniversary, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

We expect guest churches and choirs for this celebration.

One of the former pastors of Mt. Bethel the Rev. Sammie Davis will be guest speaker. The Rev. Davis was pastor of Mt. Bethel from Feb. 6, 1959 until Dec. 11, 1960 when he was called to pastor Griggs Chapel in Dallas. For the past 48 years, he has been founder and pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Dallas.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. (N.W. 4th St.). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us each Sunday for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:15 a.m. Youth ministry meets each Sunday at 5 p.m. Bible study is Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Women's Missionary Society meets Mondays at 5 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

We invite you to worship with us this Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry, with Pastor Don Rosentreter.

Sunday school with lively discussion follows in the parish hall, Wednesdays are movie nights at St. Paul. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for popcorn, fellowship and discussion.

The movie begins at 6 p.m., following with a brief discussion of the designated topic. Recent movies include: "Stagecoach," "Dave," "Zulu," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and "Heaven Can Wait." Please join us.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for the safety of our military, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment, seasonable rain, and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate communion every week. The Lord's table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at communion table.

Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

This Sunday, the Rev. McIntosh will share his message titled, "When you are tired and weary!" from the book of "Genesis 12 1-4a."

Each week, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh brings a great message from the Bible. These messages help us have a greater relationship with other persons, as Jesus would have all persons act towards his fellow man. He also has a great kid's moments with the kids in the church each Sunday morning.

Isaiah 58 Food Pantry, at 107 Runnels St., is open Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for food and clothing assistance. We are always in need of volunteers, so if you any time to volunteer, call 263-4758 Monday or Tuesday

There will be an education committee meeting Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the church.

This Wednesday, March 23 at noon will be the second Lenten luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church, this luncheon is for all the city churches, with speaker, the Rev. Sharon Weise.

Also Wednesday, there will be a stewardship committee meeting at the church at noon, for regular business.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. is choir practice back at First Christian Church with Ruth Jackson and Sally Wilson.

Thursday Bible study is 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For information on this Bible study, call Mary Beth Johnson.

There will be no youth group that week because of spring break we will restart March 23.

The First Christian will be the host for an evening of entertainment by Christian songwriter and singer Brent Vernon and his friend, Sam, Friday, March 25. Everyone is welcome to come see and hear him. The concert is free and open to the public.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcb-sbigspring.org

St. Mary's Episcopal Church News

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and morning prayer will be observed at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday, March 19, beginning at 8 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

There will be a Lenten, meatless supper at St. Mary's Wednesday,

March 23 beginning at 6 p.m. After the meal, Linda Hall, St. Mary's choirmaster, will do a study on worship through music.

All youth from sixth to 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at the First Christian Church, Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 27, from 3-4 p.m., those who are interested in stories of the cross, how it came to be and the different stages of the crucifix, are invited to hear Lois Troutman from Hobbs, N.M., as she shares her mother-in-law's collection of crosses from more than 60 years. This will be a unique hour of fellowship, conversation and refreshments as we explore our understandings of the Christian faith through the centuries.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The adult class discussion will be led by Bill Lovelace on "Prepare for Leadership" taken from first Timothy 4:6-16. The purpose of the lesson is "to rediscover the holy habits and godly practices that build Christian character and prepare us for faithful leadership in the church." This adult class is an open discussion class and welcome all who wish to join us.

March 27 there will be a fellowship luncheon immediately following the morning worship service with an administrative council meeting following the luncheon.

The First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1400 South Lancaster, will be taking Angel Food orders Saturday. For more information on ordering and delivery date, call the Nazarene church.

Please remember in your prayers all who have been affected by

the devastation of the earthquake and tsunami.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcome all who wish to worship, study and serve the Lord through mission. For more information call 267-2203; if no answer leave a message.

Midway Baptist Church

Are you dealing with challenges and problems in your daily life? Do you feel no one cares? Do you feel your prayers are going into a void, with no one hearing? Are you seeking an answer to your needs? You are not alone. Jesus is the answer!

Midway Baptist Church wants to be the beacon leading you to Jesus. "Illuminate" will begin Sunday and go through Wednesday. We are praying you will open your hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit and attend. "Illuminate" is for all. We are all on this journey of life together. We need to reach out to one another in Christ's love and acceptance. In John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, 'I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'"

We are praying for a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit at Midway Baptist Church, in Big Spring and all the surrounding communities.

Today we will be sharing the biography of Ken Freeman. He will be bringing God-given messages, directly from God's word, during "Illuminate." Please come. Let us seek God's will for our lives together. We need each other. All of us need Jesus.

Ken Freeman
With the ability to connect to people of any age group, culture, or background, evangelist Ken Freeman lives with a passion to bring people to know Christ and to make a deeper, more intimate commitment to Him.

Ken has been blessed with a beautiful wife, Debbie, two children and eight grandchildren. He has a passion for his ministry and he's had an enormous amount of opportunities to do what he loves



Ken Freeman Ministries photo

Evangelist Ken Freeman will be at Midway Baptist Church for "Illuminate" Sunday through Wednesday.

most, lead people to Christ. All of this being said, it's important to note, Ken's life has not always been this way.

The son of an alcoholic mother and an absentee father, Ken's life was filled with abuse and neglect.

Often times he and his sister would be left for days while his mother satisfied her addiction to alcohol and possible other drugs. She'd leave them with a boyfriend who would physically and sexually abuse them.

He thought about suicide. He thought about murder. His life seemed out of control.

Ken spent his life running, trying to survive. He was bitter, hurt and alone.

Ken defied all odds with one choice that would change his life forever, his decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

With that one choice Ken's years of mental and physical abuse turned from a useless mess to a powerful message.

God has blessed Ken as he has been in the ministry for more than 30 years, serving as a youth leader for about 12 years and an evangelist for more than 25 years.

He has seen over 200,000 decisions for Christ, one of which was his own father.

He has been in more than 3,000 churches,

written two books and built a ministry around this one choice to accept Christ.

Ken has traveled throughout the United States and into Canada to tell people about the Living God who has the power to transform lives.

He speaks at churches, revivals, conventions, conferences and retreats of all kinds.

He even speaks in public schools, encouraging students not to give into peer pressure and to live a life that makes a difference.

One principal commented, "Our kids have never behaved so well during an assembly."

They had a good time, but when he got down to it, you could have heard a pin drop."

Ken's approach to evangelism allows him to grab the attention of his audience through humor and his down-to-earth personality.

One thing is certain; God has given Ken a passion for the lost and the brokenhearted that is evident within his

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ministry and his everyday life.

Midway Baptist is located at 6200 South Service Road. Call 432-263-6274 for more information. Our vans will run each night. If you need a ride, call before noon.

College Baptist Church

Pastor Ken McMeans, his wife Elisha and 36 other members of College Baptist church are on a mission this week at Chama, New Mexico. Some of the youth in the

group have been leading services in First Baptist Church of Chama. They will be returning to Big Spring Saturday. We are looking forward to hearing about the work they have been doing there.

Last Sunday, Dwain Fox brought the message here at home, "The family of God." It is good to be a part of the family of God here at College Baptist. Our brother Dwain is a fine teacher and we always look forward to him leading when the pastor is away.

The music was great under Jamie Scott's leadership and with the talented musicians we have. We would like to ask you to join our family at College Baptist this next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school

and at 11 p.m. for worship services at College Baptist, located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. Our evening services begin at 6 p.m. and the Wednesday night services are at 7 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

Don't forget, Angel Food Ministry orders will be accepted at the church Saturday with orders ready to be picked up March 26. Cash and Lonestar cards will be accepted at the church Saturday. You can also go to angelfoodministry.org and order by credit card. Angel Food Ministry is an amazing opportunity for everyone regardless of income to purchase good, quality food including meats at prices that do not include retail markup.

At The First Church of the Nazarene we are committed to love God, love others and love our community. Our Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We also have small groups throughout the week for all different interests.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster.

For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a

live service and also visit us on Facebook and Twitter.

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad, as we learn more about God's word and His love for each of us.

Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and 5 p.m. Sunday evenings. We are starting a new Bible study on the book of Matthew.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching Sunday. The title of his sermon, "We know... nothing," based on John 3:1-17.

Encouraging words: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." — Helen Keller

Mark your calendar for April 16. That's the date for our annual community-wide chili supper!

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith.

You will be warmly welcomed, remember, God loves each of us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

Club News



KBSB photo
Keep Big Spring Beautiful had a "Clean-Up on FM 700" Saturday Morn March 12. Pictured are Bobby McDonald and Janice Bishop. Also helping were Mayor Tommy Duncan and Mrs. Duncan, Judge Katheryn Wiseman and Jan and Terry Hansen. Six large bags were filled in this one effort.

Send your Club News to life@bigspringherald.com

Trash Off scheduled for Saturday, April 2

This year, the "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash Off has been scheduled for Saturday, April 2.

Keep Texas Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

If you are interested and plan to join us, would you please contact Pat Simmons at 432-263-4607 to sign up. We will be furnishing trash bags to those partici-

pating and distributing them at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 1.

We are asking all the Adopt A Highway road and spot volunteers who plan to participate that day to contact us, as we can count you in our

Keep Texas Beautiful report.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will once again be feeding us at noon. Location will be at Belaski Pavilion from noon to 1 p.m.

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The Annual Friends of Scouting Leadership Dinner is given in honor of major contributors. This year we are privileged to have join us retired Army Air Corps and Eagle Scout, Edward (Shannon) Covington



Colonel Covington was born July 31, 1921 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, but spent much of his youth in Goodrich, Texas. He earned his Eagle Scout in Troop 47 on January 21, 1941 in Livingston, TX. Covington attended Sam Houston Teachers College in Huntsville, TX. In 1942 he joined the Army Air Corps. In 1946 he got out of the service and resumed studies at Sam Houston Teachers College. In 1948 he received in BS and Masters in Education. In 1948 he moved to Houston, TX and did advanced studies for 32 years. In 1981 he retired and became active in the Confederate Air Force (now called Commemorative Air Force), which is flying museum for WWII aircrafts. He presently resides in Colorado City where he stays active with his friends and family.

The registration fee is \$20, which includes the cost for the dinner and money raised goes into the districts FOS campaign. Funds raised will provide the Scouting program to more-than 500 youth members in the Lone Star district. Scouting continues to thrive in our area largely due to friends like you who support the mission "to instill values in young people that will last a lifetime.

With an operating budget of nearly \$2.49 million, the Council could not meet the needs of our Scouts and community without the generous contributions of all our Friends of Scouting

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Sports calendar

TODAY

Baseball — Coahoma at Slaton, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Denver City at Forsan, 4 p.m.

Softball — Howard College at Central Arizona CC tournament.

Softball — Sweetwater at Big Spring, 7 p.m. (approx.)

Softball — Howard College at Central Arizona CC tournament.

Track — Big Spring girls at Bluebonnet Relays, Brownwood.

SATURDAY

Track — Big Spring girls at Bluebonnet Relays, Brownwood.

Softball — Howard College at Central Arizona CC tournament.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Jeremy Gutierrez slides safely into second base during the Steers' game with San Angelo Lake View earlier this week. The Steers lost an 11-5 decision at Seminole in their final non-district game of the season Thursday evening. The Steers (10-8) open league play Tuesday at home vs. Snyder. Game time is 7 p.m.

Denver is Upset Central

Mile High City site of 3 NCAA shockers

DENVER (AP) — First, Morehead State won one for the underdogs.

Then, Richmond.

Then, Gonzaga.

A 13 seed, a 12 and an 11 turned Denver into Upset City on Thursday and gave America an early refresher on why the NCAA tournament is also known as March Madness.

The crazy day at the Pepsi Center began with the most unexpected surprise, courtesy of Morehead State, the 9,000-student school in northeast Kentucky. Demonte Harper made a 3-pointer with 4.2 seconds left to lift the 13th-seeded Eagles (25-9) to a 62-61 victory over a cross-state opponent that's a little better known: Louisville.

"I think to be a first-round game against an in-state power, to be able to knock them off, I don't think it's ever been bigger than that in the history of our school," said



coach Donnie Tyndall, who came up with the idea to let Harper shoot the game-winner during a nearly sleepless night on the eve of the game.

A few hours after Morehead's upset, it was No. 12 Richmond knocking off fifth-seeded Vanderbilt 69-66 behind 25 points from Kevin Anderson. Unlike Morehead State's players, who fell to the floor in jubilation after their win, Richmond's calmly shook hands and walked to the locker room.

The Spiders (28-7) have

been there before. Well, maybe not these Spiders. This program made its name as a double-digit seed pulling big upsets in the tournament — against Auburn in the 80s, Syracuse and South Carolina in the 90s. And now, No. 5 Vanderbilt in the 2010s.

"We have a program that can compete on a national level," coach Chris Mooney said. "We're proud of our tradition and history. But at the same time, right now we feel like we're a national program."

Pretty soon, one of these two winners will really take it to the national level. In what figures to be the weekend's biggest bracket-buster game, it will be No. 12 vs. No. 13 with a trip to the Southwest regional on the line.

"We won one game. But we didn't win the tournament," Anderson said. "That's our

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In brief

Former Hawks

in NCAA tourney

One veteran of Howard College's 2010 national junior college basketball championship team helped his team make a big splash in this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament, and one of his former teammates will try to follow suit today.

Former Hawk Lamont Austin, now a backup guard for Morehead State University, helped the 13th-seeded Eagles pull off perhaps the biggest upset of the tournament so far, a 62-61 victory of fourth-seeded Louisville in an Southwest Region game Thursday in Denver. Austin tallied two assists and a rebound in 20 minutes of action.

Jaе Crowder, a junior college all-American for Howard's national championship team, will take the floor for Marquette today when the Golden Eagles square off against Xavier in an East Region game in Cleveland. The game, scheduled for a 6:27 p.m. start, will be televised on TruTV.

Crowder currently leads Marquette in rebounding with a 6.8 per-game average.

Local hunters

excel at meet

Andy Anderson of Big Spring, recently was named pointing doubles national finals champion at the National Upland Classic Series hunting competition near Springfield, Mo., recently.

Anderson competed with his step-son, Kevin Taylor of Austin, and his English Pointers, Ann and Hoss, during the week-long event.

Forsan Junior High School student Blaze Yeater won second and third place awards in the junior division of the meet.

Other competitors from this area included Sammy Anderson of Big Spring, third place in the Open Pointing Division; T.J. Fisher and Charles Gibson of Midland, fifth in the Pointing Doubles Division; and Ronnie Burnett of Midland, fifth in the Open Flushing Division.

Sammy Anderson's dog Bailey was named high point dog of the year in the open division. T.J. Fisher's dog, Skeet, has earned enough points through his career to gain "Super Grand Champion" status.

Rotary club hosts

tournament Saturday

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will hold a four-man scramble golf tournament Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club Golf Course.

Registration fee is \$60 per person and includes greens and cart fees and meals.

For more information, call 267-5354.

KBSB to host

kickball event

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will host its inaugural Kickball Klean-Up tournament April 2 at the Cotton Mize Complex in Comanche Trail Park.

Cost is \$100 per team. All proceeds go to KBSB.

For more information, call Danny Valle at 213-8579 or Chad Averette at 213-3828.

Ragball tourney

in Snyder

SNYDER — The St. Elizabeth Youth Group will host a ragball tournament here March 25-26.

Registration fee is \$10 per person with a maximum of 15 people per team.

All proceeds benefit the youth group, which is raising money to finance a trip to a World Youth Day event in Spain.

For more information, call Melissa Chavez at (325) 207-0016.

Goodell e-mails NFL players

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner Roger Goodell wrote NFL players Thursday, outlining the league's last proposal to the union and cautioning that "each passing day puts our game and our shared economics further at risk."

Goodell ended the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, by telling players: "I hope you will encourage your union to return to the bargaining table and conclude a new collective bargaining agreement."

Talks between the teams' owners and the NFL Players Association broke off last Friday, the 16th day of federal mediation in Washington. The union dissolved that afternoon, allowing players to file a class-action antitrust suit in federal court. Hours later, owners locked out the players, creating the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

"I've told my guys to take

the letter and set it on fire. We're not that stupid," said Seattle Seahawks guard Chester Pitts, whose reaction was relayed by NFLPA assistant executive director George Atallah.

Titans linebacker Will Witherspoon called it "very distasteful" for Goodell to send out such a letter.

"If we were in court, I would compare to a lawyer trying to lead a witness," Witherspoon texted the AP on Thursday night. "I duly object to the fact he has highlighted his highpoints but not given them any ground to stand on!"

Goodell wrote that the NFLPA "walked out of the federal mediator's offices ... and filed a lawsuit." He also said owners "are prepared to resume those negotiations at any time."

"We need to come together, and soon," Goodell wrote.

He told players he wants them to "understand the offer that we made," a proposal

put forth during the final day of negotiations.

His letter goes point-by-point through 10 categories Goodell said were included in the NFL's last proposal. Among them:

- Salary and benefits would be \$141 million per club in 2011, and rise to \$161 million by 2014;

- Free agency after four seasons;

- Less offseason work and fewer padded practices in the preseason and regular season;

- Keeping a 16-game regular season for at least the next two seasons and not changing to 18 games without the union's agreement;

- Guaranteeing up to \$1 million of a second year of a player's contract if he is injured and can't return to play;

- A new rookie compensation system;

- A jointly appointed neutral arbitrator for all drug and steroid appeals.



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Courtesy photo
Kevin Taylor, left, and Andy Anderson were named Pointing Doubles National Final Champions at the National Upland Classic Series event in Springfield, Mo., recently.

Lehtonen, Benn lead Dallas past Blackhawks 5-0

DALLAS (AP) — Kari Lehtonen recovered from one of his worst games with one of his best.

Lehtonen made 23 saves for his 16th NHL shutout, Jamie Benn extended his point streak to nine games with a goal and an assist, and the Dallas Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-0 on Thursday night.

Steve Ott, Brenden Morrow, Jason Williams and Brandon Segal added goals for Dallas, which ended a two-game skid.

Mike Ribeiro and Brad Richards had two assists each in support of Lehtonen, who has two shutouts in four games.

In between, however, Lehtonen allowed four goals in a 6-3 loss to the San Jose Sharks and three in an overtime defeat to the Los Angeles Kings during a critical seven-game homestand.

"I didn't have a great game (against San Jose), so it was nice, plus a little bit of luck, it all paid off," Lehtonen said.

"We'd lost two in a row, so everybody was ready. We played the right way, did things right and were responsible."

Chicago dropped to 9-2-2 in its last 13 games, leaving coach Joel Quenneville searching for answers to a flat performance.

"Tough one to explain. Nothing good about this game," Quenneville said. "We should all absorb some responsibility on how bad we were. The importance of this game, and they keep getting bigger, we didn't respect the urgency."

Lehtonen had a good night, but he also had plenty of help as the Stars blocked 14 shots and were credited with 26 hits.

"We were really pleased with the way everybody pitched in defensively," Dallas coach Marc Crawford said. "You look at key elements in our game where we need to have big performances from our defense, our penalty killing and our goaltender, and we got all of those things. And then we got the added output from our forwards being very adherent to how we have to play in the defensive zone."

The teams are tied for sixth in the conference at 84 points, although the Stars own the tiebreaker based on a 3-1 record against the Blackhawks this season.

Dallas is 5-2-1 against Chicago the past two seasons.

Richards connected with Ott on a long stretch pass, and Ott converted on a breakaway at 17:37 of the first period to stop a 16-game drought.

Benn made it 2-0 at 1:01 of the second, scoring his 21st goal with a one-timer from the right circle off a 2-on-1 break with Ribeiro. Benn has eight goals in nine games, the NHL's longest current point streak.

Morrow extended the lead at 3:35 of the second on another one-timer from the right circle.

Quenneville then pulled rookie goalie Corey Crawford in favor of former Stars netminder Marty Turco.

Just another batch of close games

WASHINGTON (AP) — About an hour before his team was to play its first game in the NCAA tournament for a 22nd time, Connecticut's Jim Calhoun was making small talk in the coaches' locker room in the Verizon Center.

"How many close ones already?" he asked.

When he was told four of Thursday's first eight second-round games were decided by one or two points, he smiled the uneasy smile a veteran coach is allowed to make at hearing that.

"There are always so many close ones early," he said. "Those are the games the good teams learn to win over a season. Those are the games some teams, even pretty good ones, just never learn to win."

Calhoun's Huskies had no trouble with their first game, beating Bucknell 81-52.

Thursday didn't come close to being an easy day for some others.

Those four early games included the day's biggest upset, 13th-seeded Morehead State over fourth-seeded Louisville, 62-61; the day's biggest near upset, fourth-seeded Kentucky beating 13th-seeded Princeton 59-57; seventh-seeded Temple's 66-64 win over Penn State on an off-balance jumper with less than a second to play; and one that should have been that close, eighth-seeded Butler beating Old Dominion 60-58 on a tip-in at the buzzer.

In the later games the close ones were No. 12 Richmond over No. 5 Vanderbilt 69-66, and No. 7

UCLA beating No. 10 Michigan State 78-76.

All but one of the 68 teams in the field will end the season with a loss. Some are a lot tougher to take because of the circumstances.

Temple's Juan Fernandez hit the game-winner for the Owls, an off-balance shot off one foot.

Khalif Wyatt suggested in the final huddle to Temple coach Fran Dunphy that Fernandez take the potential game-winner.

"Juan's our leader. I mean, the ball's in his hands most of the game. So we trust Juan to make smart decisions down the stretch," Wyatt said. "And when the time came we were in the huddle I just told Coach that I think our best bet was to put the ball in Juan's hands."

NCAA

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ultimate goal."

Given Butler's trip to the national finals last year — and George Mason's trip to the Final Four in 2006 — nobody can snicker at that kind of statement from these mid-majors anymore.

Not that anyone would

think twice if Gonzaga said it.

The 11th-seeded Zags (25-9) beat No. 6 St. John's 86-71 in the last game of the day in Denver.

Some people felt Gonzaga had a "down" year this year. They struggled early. "Only" won 24 games. Many bracketologists thought they needed to win the West Coast Conference tournament to secure their trip to

March Madness. Which they did. And once they made it, they looked every bit the tournament regular against the Red Storm of the Big East, leading by as many as 18 points in a game that was never really close.

Marquise Carter scored a career-high 24 points to lead Gonzaga, which is in its 13th straight NCAA tournament.

"I think people know we're a good program, so it doesn't

surprise them any more," coach Mark Few said. "We didn't consider ourselves an underdog in this matchup. When this popped up, we were excited to play. We're playing the best basketball we have all year."

The only game that went to "form" in Denver was third-seeded BYU's 74-66 win over No. 14 Wofford. "The Jimmer" — Jimmer Fredette — scored 32 points to lead the Cougars, who won their school-record 31st game.

"I know a lot of the guys saw it and said 'Let's not let that happen to us,'" BYU's Logan Magnusson said of the upsets sprinkling the

brackets out of Denver. "There were a lot of upsets going on and that's why it's called March Madness."

Can, and pretty much did in Denver, where underdogs felt a Mile High and favorites left gasping in the thin air.

The Big East, the conference that placed a record 11 teams in the tournament, went 0-2 in the Pepsi Center.

The SEC went 0-1. The West Coast, Ohio Valley and Atlantic 10 conferences — all 1-0.

A surprise to some. But not to the teams that pulled off the upsets.

Morehead has a senior-

filled team led by Kenneth Faried, an NBA-bound big man who set the Division I rebounding record.

Richmond improved to 7-2 in the program's past nine games against teams in the Top 25.

And Gonzaga is looking for its fifth trip into the second weekend of the NCAA tournament since 2000.

"I hope it never comes across as arrogant or overbearing in any way," said Tyndall, the Morehead State coach.

"To be a good team or a good coach, you have to have a nice confidence level. I think our team has that."



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It's a day marked by inspiration. It's important to note that inspiration does not always strike naturally like lightning. More likely, it will strike manually, like a match. Get moving, and the

ideas start to flow. As the great adventurer and author Jack London said, "You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone has potential, but it's those who execute their potential who will

find true greatness. Push against the limits of your talent, and you'll find that you can break through into new realms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have always been attracted to strong-willed people with a mind of their own. You don't mind that you're not always in agreement with your loved ones. You'll find new ways to cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be working on a problem when assistance comes to you in the form of a stellar new idea, the funding you need or other resources to make your way easier.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to be a wealthy philanthropist to make the world a better place. You'll smile at everyone you meet, and that will contribute to the good of society more than your dollars ever could.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are two ways to learn: through your own experience and through someone else's. You'll get both kinds of education today. You will approach people with a sincere desire to know more about them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Empty the drawers and dig through the closets. There is still some clutter to clear out. Becoming increasingly organized will help the flow of next week's schedule. Bonus: You'll find something you lost, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Welcome fresh faces. Someone new will enjoy being a witness to your work process. You may not realize just how creative you are until you see yourself through this person's eyes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If only you could grow without changing.

Alas, you can't. Luckily, you'll be ready and willing to let go of the way things used to be when the time is right to transform into the new you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It will be dangerous to get too much information from one source. Learn from many sources. Each teacher has a different strength and a unique way of presenting the lesson.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take precautionary measures to remember important details — like the names of people you've met. If only everyone in the world could wear a nametag! Your ability to keep facts straight will distinguish you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The glow of charisma around you comes from your generous interest in others. People see an extremely flattering reflection of themselves in the mirrors of your eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your cheerleading will be essential to a loved one's success. You can see the uniqueness and strength in this person, even when they cannot.

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Dear Margo: I'm a 16-year-old girl with no life of my own. I live with my mom, her boyfriend and my 3-year-old brother in a two-bedroom apartment. My mom is on a bunch of meds for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and diabetes. She sleeps a lot, so I end up taking care of my brother most of the time. He has even started calling me mommy. I come home from school and have to fix supper and clean the apartment because my little brother has trashed the place all day. I have started applying to different colleges because I want to be a nurse.

My problem is that my mom won't take me to visit any colleges, and she won't agree to anyone else taking me. I feel like she wants to keep me trapped here forever. I am not allowed to go anywhere with friends or to have a normal teenager's life. I wanted to get a summer job to earn money for school, but I was told no. I don't want to have kids of my own because I have already been a mom to my little brother. How can I make my mom see that I am feeling suffocated? — *Hopeless Teen in Ohio*

Dear Hope: You don't need me to tell you that what is going on at home

is not good for you and most unfair. You will not make your mother see anything, but here are possible ways to improve things.

Because you describe no social life at all, if you've made a good friend at school whose family might let you live with them until you graduate, that would be good. (This happens more than people think.) And because you are not able to visit colleges, I would ask the guidance counselor how to proceed — perhaps with an appended letter outlining the reasons for being unable to visit. I worry about your little brother, too. Unless your mother's boyfriend is a solid guy, you might have to involve the department of child services. I wish you luck, and I predict a better future. — *Margo, hopefully*

Treat a Disagreement as Just Another Subject

Dear Margo: My girlfriend and I communicate very well. The only thing we don't do well is fight. We both prefer to avoid conflict and confrontation. Of course, we have

differences and disagreements. I am wondering how we can get to be as good at talking about our differences as we are at talking about everything else. — *Wanting To Improve*

Dear Want: Let me just say this: A relationship in which there's conflict avoidance is far preferable to the neurotic couples whose common bond is going at it — and each other.

There is such a thing as "good fighting." It is essentially fair fighting, and it involves dealing with the issue without personalizing things. It involves rational discourse, not hollering, and it requires that you stick to the subject. That is, if you're differing about domestic chores, stay away from side issues, such as throwing in, "And I never liked your sister!" I do think you are wise to want to find a way to work out differences. Just stay on the topic as two grownups trying to iron out a difference of opinion. — *Margo, peacefully*

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Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer and open One Diamond. Partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠AK7♥—♦KQ9743♣AJ85
- ♠5♥Q974♦AK82♣AQ94
- ♠K96♥AJ5♦KJ8753♣10
- ♠73♥AK10♦KQJ94♣AJ7

1. Two clubs. The value of a hand rises or falls depending on the bids made by your partner and/or the opponents. In this case, for example, when partner responds with one heart, the value of your hand falls at least a couple of points. It is bad news to learn that partner has length in a suit where you're void.

Your first reaction to the unwelcome heart response should be to draw in your horns and take things easy until you learn whether or not the hand is a complete misfit.

In line with this, you rebid two clubs. A great advantage of this call is that it is ambiguous, since an opening bidder's change of suit may be based on anywhere from 13 to 18 points. What happens next depends mostly on partner's reaction to two clubs. The original promise of the hand would be restored if, for example, partner were to jump to three diamonds.

2. Three hearts. There is obviously a good chance for game, but you must allow for the possibility that partner's response may have been based on absolutely minimum values (six or seven points). In fact, if his hand is so bad that he passes three hearts, he may have trouble making even nine tricks. Your hand is obviously too good for only two hearts; including distribution, it's worth about 18 points.

3. Two hearts. It is better to show your heart support at once than to rebid your six-card diamond suit. Either rebid puts you in the minimum opening range, but the immediate heart raise has the merit of indicating that most of your cards are in diamonds and hearts. This in turn suggests that you have shortness in spades and/or clubs.

4. Three hearts. Partner will expect you to have four trumps for the jump-raise, but when you show up with 18 high-card points and the A-K-10 of trumps, he may find it in his heart to forgive you for having only three. Unfortunately, there simply isn't any better bid available. So while it may be argued that three hearts is not a perfect bid, it nevertheless comes closer than anything else you can do to picture the potential of your hand.

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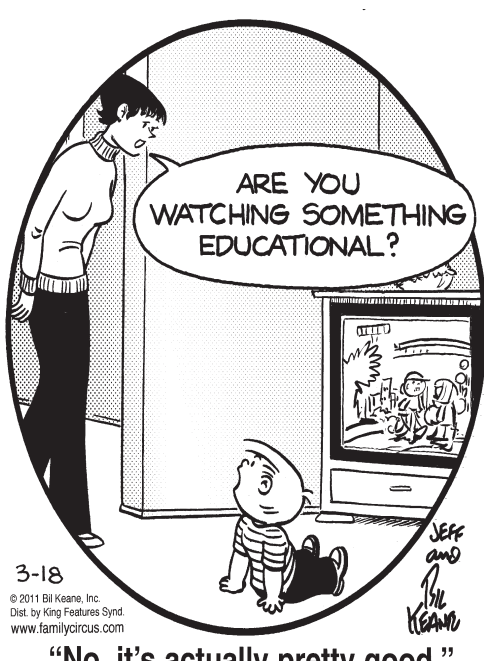
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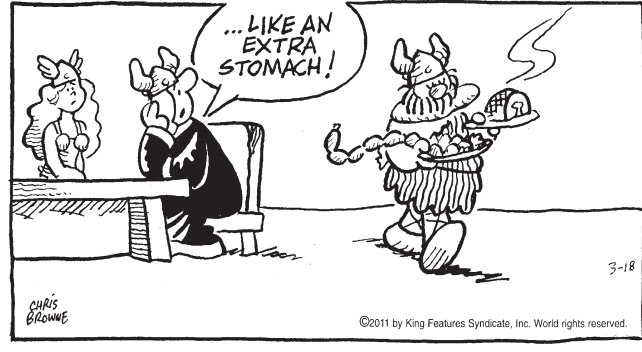


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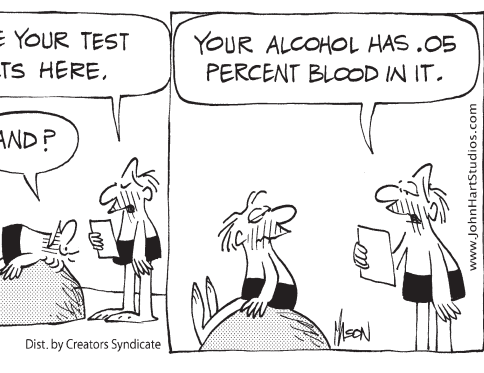
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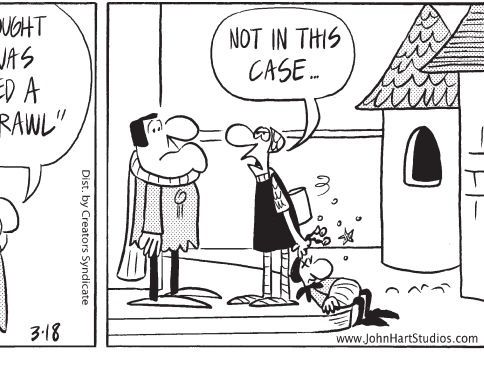
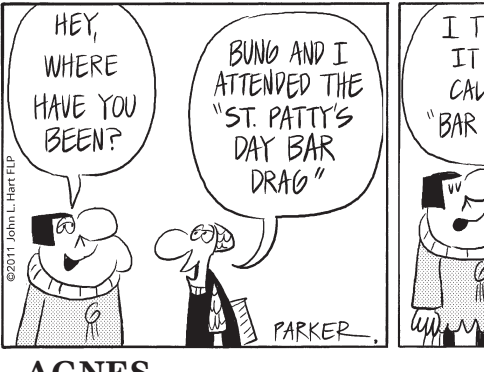
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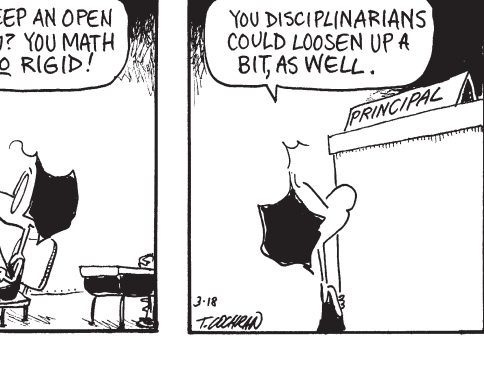
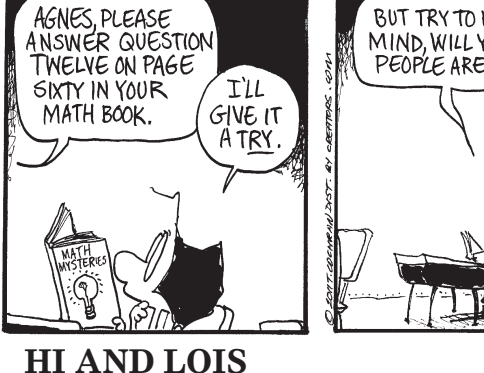
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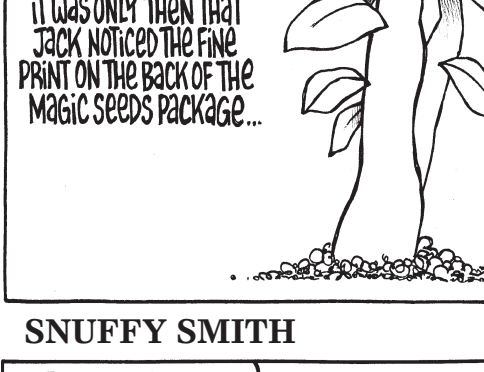
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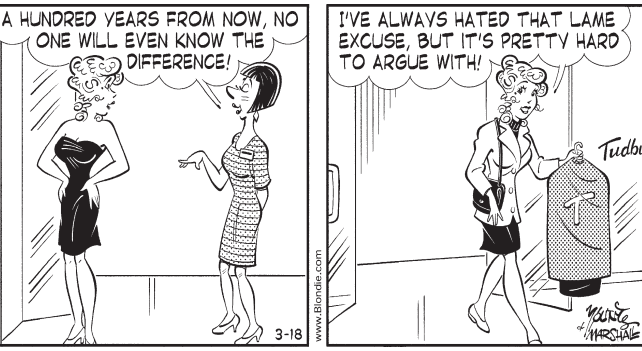
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 18, the 77th day of 2011. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 18, 1911, Irving Berlin's first major hit song, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," was first published by Ted Snyder & Co. of New York. The Theodore Roosevelt Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, the former president.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1861, Sam Houston stepped down as governor of Texas after refusing to accept the state's decision to secede from the Union.

In 1910, the first filmed adaptation of Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein," produced by Thomas Edison's New York

movie studio, was released.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on August 21, 1959.)

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 2009, Tony-winning actress Natasha Richardson, 45, died at a New York hospital two days after suffering a head injury while skiing in Canada.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 84. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 75. Country singer Charley Pride is 73. Actor Kevin Dobson is 68. Actor Brad Dourif is 61. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 60. Singer Irene Cara is 52. Movie writer-

director Luc Besson is 52. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 49. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 49. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 48. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 47. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 47. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 45. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 44. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 41. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 39. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 37. Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein are 37. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 34. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 32. Actor Adam Pally is 29.

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Newsday Crossword

TODAY'S PUZZLE by Richard Silvestri
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Federal bigwig
 - 5 Bounce back
 - 9 Intolerant one
 - 14 Birthplace of Galileo
 - 15 Croatian, for one
 - 16 Words of wisdom
 - 17 Opposing
 - 18 Flounder kin
 - 19 Scrabble two-pointer
 - 20 Yellow warship?
 - 23 Jargon suffix
 - 24 Beyond self-confident
 - 25 Old Testament patriarch
 - 29 Foolish
 - 31 Electrical discharge
 - 34 Capital of Oman
 - 36 Overtime situation
 - 37 Flash of brilliance
 - 38 Organize a Quaker gathering?
 - 41 Bird, to Brutus
 - 42 Bambi's aunt
 - 43 Run its course
 - 44 Secluded spot
 - 45 2009 Peace Nobel
 - 47 Maze word
 - 48 Highland hollow
 - 49 Big bundle of bucks
 - 51 Playful lawman?
 - 57 Garlic unit
- DOWN**
- 1 Deduction expert
 - 2 Criticize comically
 - 3 Concerning
 - 4 Staircase part
 - 5 Serpentine shapes
 - 6 Exact copies
 - 7 Not quite a majority
 - 8 Tennis-shot effect
 - 9 Villain
 - 10 Luggage label
 - 11 Way of walking
 - 12 Eye
 - 13 Place for a ball
 - 21 Beverage order
 - 22 Get in the way of
 - 25 "Leave me alone!"
 - 26 Socially skilled
 - 27 Be hospitable to
 - 28 Old pros
 - 30 First-stringers
 - 31 Polished
 - 32 Milton Hershey rival
 - 33 Provide the spread
 - 35 Answer man of TV
 - 37 Supermodel from Somalia
 - 39 At all
 - 40 Tundra transportation
 - 45 Mary-Kate and Ashley
 - 46 Rise
 - 48 Prone (to)
 - 50 Pagliacci pieces
 - 51 Ross Sea sight
 - 52 Be nomadic
 - 53 Bog down
 - 54 Hat holder
 - 55 Hot-rod rod
 - 56 CIA boss Panetta
 - 57 100 lbs.
 - 60 Oink-filled pen

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